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BOOK REVIEWS



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A **MANUAL OF NURSING.** By Margaret Frances Donahoe, formerly Superintendent of Nurses and Principal of Training School, Philadelphia General Hospital. Price, \$2.00. D. Appleton and Company, New York and London.

Miss Donahoe's book does not differ from other text-books of nursing except in the slightly personal touch of the author. Taking up each division of her subject, she gives a highly interesting glance over the subject—noting conditions, and individuals who have been instrumental in bringing about the present status of the nurse in general or in particular.

Thus, the first chapter, in a page of retrospect, gives glimpses of the religious orders of nursing, the school of Kaiserswerth; the preparation of Florence Nightingale for her great work in the Crimea; and her even greater work in establishing the first training school for nurses. Or again, in Chapter XXVII, on the giving of anæsthetics, we are made to look back to the awful condition of suffering that was entailed when operations were done prior to the discovery of anæsthesia due to ether, chloroform, or other agents. Thus, by bringing before the notice of the student how far-reaching the work of one or another individual has been, she draws the attention to the high standards each intending nurse should bind herself to maintain. In the same way she loses no opportunity of bringing out the ethical responsibility of the nurse toward her patient. This point seems to be particularly well taken in our present ever-increasing commercialism. Legal responsibility the nurse in less liable to forget and Miss Donahoe gives it only its due. "A thorough working text-book" it is claimed to be, and as such amply justifies its existence. It bears the imprint of the true nurse and the earnest woman on every page.

PRACTICAL URINALYSIS, FOR NURSES. By F. W. Marquardt, M.D., Attending Obstetrician to the German Hospital of Chicago. Price, 60 cents. Chicago Medical Book Co., Congress and Honore Streets, Chicago.

The second edition of this little book has been added to, both in text and illustrations. It is especially recommended for use as a ready

reference to nurses and students. Its forty odd pages contain matter sufficient for all practical purposes of examining and testing, besides copious notes on the modifications due to natural causes or to disease.

STATE REGISTRATION FOR NURSES. By Louie Croft Boyd, R.N., Graduate Colorado Training School for Nurses, connected with City and County Hospital, Denver, Colorado; Post-Graduate Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, Illinois; Member Colorado State Board of Nurse Examiners, 1905-1909; Certificate of Hospital Economics, Teachers' College, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1908-1909. Price, 50 cents. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London.

The author and compiler of this volume has given in tabulated form a summary of the laws governing the registration of nurses in the United States; with a comparison of differences obtaining in the several States which have so far legislated. The title "Registered Nurse" with the abbreviation R.N. is universally allowed. There is no State which recognizes the right of a nurse to register unless she has had two years' training. Seven of the States require three years' training.

AIDS TO MIDWIVES. By Rebecca Emily Réney, Diplômée Q.C.H., L.O.S., C.M.B. 1 shilling. Scientific Press, Ltd., London.

This small book of thirty odd pages gives a concise description of the bony pelvis, the principal conjugate diameters of the pelvis, the signs and symptoms of pregnancy, the management of normal labor—as well as of complicated, and accompanied by accident, hemorrhage, etc., management of the patient and care of the child are given as the rule of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, requires its graduates to practise.

OPEN AIR CRUSADERS. Edited by Sherman S. Kingsley, General Superintendent of the United Charities of Chicago. Published by United Charities of Chicago, 51 La Salle Street, Chicago.

This book, besides giving a general account of open-air school work in Chicago, is in itself a special report of the "Elizabeth McCormick Open Air School," an institution conducted by the United Charities of Chicago, the expenses of maintenance, equipment, etc., being met by a grant to the Society from the Trustees of the Elizabeth McCormick Memorial Fund, a foundation in honor of the child to whose memory the book is dedicated.

If one may judge from the illustrations, and particularly the colored coverplate, the youngsters who go to this school find it small hardship